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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests status information regarding the abovecaptioned application. The most recent correspondence received for this application is the Notice of Publication dated January 6, 2005.

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